

hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. The resolution also provides a closed rule for H.R. 3672 with one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides a closed rule for H. Con. Res. 94. The rule provides 20 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the concurrent resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit without instructions. The rule provides that the Clerk shall not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has passed H.R. 3672 until notified by the Speaker or by message from the Senate that the Senate has taken the question on adoption of H. Con. Res. 94 as adopted by the House. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of December 16, 2011, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Finally, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 31, 2011, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) a measure relating to expiring provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; (2) a measure relating to the Medicare payment system for physicians; and (3) a measure relating to appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky.

### MEDICAL LOSS RATIOS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled "New Medical Loss Ratios: Increasing Health Care Value or Just Eliminating Jobs?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CALIFORNIA'S HIGH-SPEED RAIL PLAN

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "California's High-Speed Rail Plan: Skyrocketing Costs & Project Concerns." Testimony was heard from Rep. McCarthy; Rep. Cardoza; Rep. Nunes; Rep. Costa; Rep. Rohrabacher; Rep. Zoe Lofgren of California; Rep. Loretta Sanchez of California; Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Jerry Amante, Mayor, Tustin, California and Member, Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors; Ashley Swearengin, Mayor, Fresno, California; and public witnesses.

### VOW TO HIRE HEROES ACT OF 2011

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Reviewing the Implementation of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011." Testimony was heard from Ismael Ortiz, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "Changing Energy Markets and Their Geopolitical Implications." 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* Full Committee, markup of H. Res. 496, adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress. 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled "What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt. II." 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.